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Man Charged with Lewd Acts on Minor, Child Molesting in San Gabriel Valley

A 43-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to sexually molesting a teenager and attempting to molest a second minor girl, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Edwin Linares (dob 6/7/73) has been charged with four counts in case GA100630: lewd act upon a child, unlawful sexual intercourse, child molesting and attempted lewd act upon a child.

At today's arraignment, the defendant's bail was set at \$500,000.

Linares allegedly had a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old girl in Alhambra from January to December 2016, prosecutors said.

Earlier this year, authorities were alerted about the inappropriate relationship, according to prosecutors.

On April 19, a second minor, a 13-year-old girl, was walking home from school in South Pasadena when Linares allegedly approached her while in his car and asked if she wanted a ride, prosecutors said.

The girl declined the offer but took note of Linares' license plate before he drove away, prosecutors added.

On April 20, the defendant was located and arrested in connection with the sex crimes.

Linares is scheduled to return to court on May 17 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of four years in state prison and lifetime sex offender registration.

The case is being investigated by the Alhambra and South Pasadena police departments.

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